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APPENDIX

PLAN FOR CONDUCTING PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

during

GENERAL HOSTILITIES

(Code Name:)

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Reference: (a) Presidential Secret Directive of 4 April 1951
Establishing a Psychological Strategy Board

(b) ~~Approved Role of Psychological Strategy Board
under 4/4/51 Presidential Directive.~~

(e) (b) NSC 10/2.

(a) (c) NSC 10/5.

(e) (d) NSC 20/4.

(f) (e) NSC 59/1.

Enclosure:--(1) Copy of reference (a).
(2) Copy of reference (b).

I. MISSION

To conduct psychological operations in pursuance of prescribed national objectives during general hostilities.

II. DEFINITIONS

Within the purview of this plan the following definitions shall apply:

a. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS: Shall include all activities (other than overt types of economic warfare) envisioned under NSC 59/1 and 10/2. See references (a) and (b).

b. MILITARY THEATER OF OPERATIONS: A so entitled, geographically delimited, and competently proclaimed portion of a theater of war necessary for military operations, either offensive or defensive, pursuant to an assigned mission, and for the administration incident to such military operations.

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b. THEATER OF WAR: That area of land, sea and air which is, or may become involved directly in the operations of war.

REASON: The term "theater of war" is more realistic and acceptable for operations conceived under NSC 10/2 and NSC 59/1.

c. TO COORDINATE: This expression means that agencies "coordinated with" shall participate actively; that their concurrence shall be sought; and that if concurrence is not obtained, the disputed matter shall be referred to the next higher authority in which all participants have a voice.

III. ASSUMPTIONS

That the United States and its allies are engaged in general hostilities forced upon them by the USSR or any of its satellites.

IV. NATIONAL OBJECTIVES WHICH WILL MAINTAIN IN A CONDITION OF GENERAL HOSTILITIES

During a condition of general hostilities United States National Objectives vis-a-vis the USSR will be, unless modified by appropriate authority, as set forth in Paragraph 19 of NSC 20/4;

"To counter the threats to our national security and well being posed by the USSR, our general objectives with respect to Russia, in time of peace as well as in time of war, should be:

"a. To reduce the power and influence of the USSR to limits which no longer constitute a threat to the peace, national independence and stability of the world family of nations.

"b. To bring about a basic change in the conduct of international relations by the government in power in Russia; to conform with the purposes and principles set forth in the UN Charter.

"In pursuing these objectives due care must be taken to avoid permanently impairing our economy and the fundamental values and institutions inherent to our way of life."

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1. Psychological operations programs are established instruments of national policy and shall, therefore, be consistent with and directed toward the achievement of national objectives.

2. Psychological operations will be conducted in conformity with the statutory responsibilities of the departments and agencies concerned, in consonance with national policy, and will be compatible with Psychological Strategy Board Guidance.

REASON: For clarification.

2- 3. As appropriate, psychological operations and policies and plans pertaining thereto shall be coordinated with similar operations, policies and plans of our Allies.

VI. DELINEATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Psychological Strategy Board shall be responsible for:
(a) the formulation and promulgation, as guidance to the departments and agencies responsible for psychological operations, of over-all national psychological objectives, policies and programs,
(b) the coordination and evaluation of the national psychological effort.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, in conformity with established national policy and as compatible with Psychological Strategy Board guidance, and except as provided in paragraphs VI 4 and VI 5 immediately below, shall be responsible for planning and execution of U.S. psychological operations in ~~military~~ theaters of ~~operations~~ war.

3. The Department of State, in conformity with established national policy and Psychological Strategy Board guidance, and except as provided in paragraphs VI 4 and VI 5 immediately below, shall be responsible for the planning and execution of U.S. overt psychological operations in areas other than ~~military~~ theaters of ~~operations~~ war.

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4. In situations in which a military theater of operations war embraces territory of a government which exercises civil authority and to which a U.S. diplomatic mission is accredited, in conformity with established national policy and Psychological Strategy Board guidance, and except as provided in paragraph VI 5 immediately below,

~~a. The Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be responsible for U.S. psychological operations directed toward enemy, enemy-occupied, or allied-occupied territory.~~

b. The Department of State shall be responsible for the U.S. psychological operations Information Program directed toward nationals of the country concerned.

~~c. The Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be responsible for establishing arrangements for coordination of psychological operations conducted by a theater commander and chiefs of mission within the theater.~~

REASON: To simplify and clarify and to bring into conformity with paragraphs V 2 and VI 2.

5. Covert psychological operations shall be planned, conducted, and coordinated in accordance with the statutory responsibilities of the Departments and Agencies; NSC 10/2,; and the pertinent provisions of NSC 59/1, and Psychological Strategy Board Guidance.

REASON: To recognize the statutory responsibilities of the departments and agencies.

6. Overt psychological operations originating in areas other than military theaters of operations war shall be coordinated with the Joint Chiefs of Staff when such operations will directly affect current or projected military actions, strategic plans or strategic direction of military forces.

REASON: Recognize the statutory responsibilities of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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7. All Overt psychological operations originating in military theaters of operations war shall be coordinated with the Department of State in cases where ~~theater-psychological~~ such operations will have direct effect outside the theater of operations war upon current or projected overt psychological operations of that department.

REASON: For clarity and to conform with provisions of NSC 59/1.

8. The Psychological Strategy Board shall ensure, through the government agency or agencies appropriate in the instant circumstances, any necessary coordination of national psychological operations, policies, or plans with the appropriate agency or agencies of other governments.

9. The Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be responsible for any necessary coordination of U. S. psychological operations with similar operations of other governments in military theaters of operations war.

REASON: See II b. above.

10. The Department of State shall be responsible for any necessary coordination of U. S. psychological operations with similar operations of other governments outside military theaters of operations war.

11. All government departments and agencies which are not elsewhere mentioned in this plan and which are or may be assigned responsibilities for executing psychological operations outside the U. S. shall:

a. Adhere to ~~instructions~~ guidance issued by the Psychological Strategy Board.

REASON: To conform with the provisions of the Presidential Directive establishing the Psychological Strategy Board.

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b. Coordinate their policies and plans with the Joint Chiefs of Staff for activities in military theaters of operations war and with the Department of State in areas other than military theaters of operations war.

c. Conduct their operations in the field under the senior U. S. military officer U. S. Military Commander designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in military theaters of operations war and coordinate their operations in the field with the chief of U. S. diplomatic mission in areas other than military theaters of operations war.

12. The Central Intelligence Agency shall ensure that appropriate intelligence support is provided for U. S. psychological operations and that intelligence activities of government departments and agencies in this field are properly coordinated.

VII. ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Information facilities and appropriate personnel of the Department of State and other overt executing agencies in areas which become military theaters of operations war shall be made available to the senior U. S. Military officer Commander designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in that theater under statutory and other competent authority during the approximate time of military control in that area. Plans for orderly transfer, and later return, of information facilities and appropriate personnel of the Department of State and other overt executing agencies shall be coordinated by the Psychological Strategy Board.

VIII. PLANNING AND EXECUTION

1. This basic national psychological operations plan is in effect for planning purposes. All government departments and agencies having responsibilities specifically assigned herein shall, as a matter of high priority, draft supporting plans and

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make all preparations necessary for efficient execution of the provisions herein contained.

2. This plan shall be executed upon Presidential proclamation that a state of general hostilities exists with the USSR and its satellites, upon official declaration of war with the USSR and its satellites, or at such other time as the President may direct.

3. Provisions of this plan, when executed in accordance with paragraph 2 above, supersede any portion of NSC 59/1 which is in conflict therewith.

REASON: To clarify discrepancy existing between NSC 59/1 and this plan.

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SECTION II (B). Theater of War.

A geographical area specifically delineated by the President on the recommendation of the National Security Council which is, or may imminently become, involved directly in the operations of

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4 active military operations.

SECTION VI (5).

Covert psychological operations shall be planned, conducted and coordinated in accordance with established national policies; applicable National Security Council directive, including but not limited to NSC 10/2 and pertinent portions of NSC 10/5 and 59/1; and the President's directive of 4 April 1951, establishing the Psychological Strategy Board.

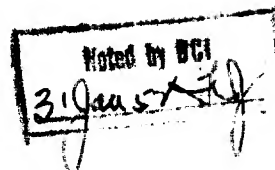
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b. THEATER OF WAR: A geographical area the delineation of which is specifically approved by the President which is or may imminently become involved directly in operations of war.

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II DEFINITIONS

b. **THEATER OF WAR:** That geographical area specifically delineated imminently by the President which is or may/become involved directly in the operations of war.

V BASIC PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

2. Guidance for Psychological operations promulgated by the Psychological Strategy Board shall be consonant with national policy and in conformity with the statutory authority and responsibility of the respective operating departments and agencies.

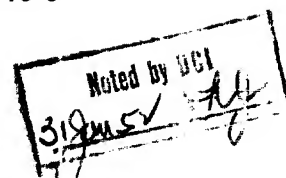
VI DELINEATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, in conformity with established national policy and with Psychological Strategy Board guidance, and except as provided in paragraphs VI 4 and VI 5 immediately below, shall be responsible for the planning and execution of U.S. psychological operations in theaters of war.

3. The Department of State, in conformity with national policy and Psychological Strategy Board guidance, and except as provided in paragraphs VI 4 and VI 5 immediately below, shall be responsible for the planning and execution of U.S. overt psychological operations in areas other than theaters of war.

4. In situations in which a theater of war embraces territory of a government which exercises civil authority and to which a U.S.

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diplomatic mission is accredited, in conformity with established national policy and Psychological Strategy Board guidance, and except as provided in paragraph VI 5 immediately below, the Department of State shall be responsible for the U.S. Information Program directed toward the nationals of the country concerned.

5. Covert psychological operations shall be planned, conducted, and coordinated in accordance with applicable NSC directives, including but not limited to NSC 10/2, NSC 10/5 and pertinent portions of 59/1; and with Psychological Strategy Board guidance.

6. Overt psychological operations originating in areas other than theaters of war shall be coordinated with the Joint Chiefs of Staff when such operations will directly affect approved strategic plans or strategic direction of military forces.

7. Psychological operations originating in theaters of war shall be coordinated with the Department of State in cases where such operations will have a direct effect outside the theater of war upon approved current or projected diplomatic action or overt psychological operations of that department.

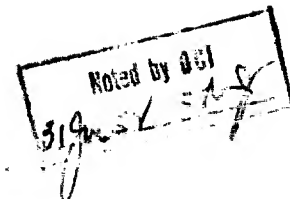
9. The Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be responsible for any necessary coordination of U.S. psychological operations with similar operations of other governments in theaters of war.

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10. The Department of State shall be responsible for any necessary coordination of U.S. psychological operations with similar operations of other governments outside theaters of war.

11. a. Adhere to guidance issued by the Psychological Strategy Board.

b. Coordinate their policies and plans with the Joint Chiefs of Staff for activities in theaters of war and with the Department of State in areas other than theaters of war.

c. Conduct their operations in the field under the U.S. military commander designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in theaters of war and coordinate their operations in the field with the Chief of the U.S. diplomatic mission in areas other than theaters of war.

VII ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Information facilities and appropriate personnel of the Department of State and other overt executing agencies in areas which become theaters of war shall be made available to the U.S. military commander designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff . . etc.

VIII PLANNING AND EXECUTION

3. Provisions of this plan, when executed in accordance with paragraph 2 above, supersede any portion of NSC 59/1 which is in conflict therewith.

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